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Case No. 3614/174

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In re Application of:

PEYMAN ET AL.

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c) FOR WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FROM ISSUE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Petitioner hereby petitions for withdrawal of the above-identified application from issue for consideration of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Because the Issue Fee has already been paid in this case, it is not possible to -WWW SWELLEY - U0006001 0953225 have an Information Disclosure Statement considered and made of record in the present application or to have a Petition to Correct Inventorship considered and entered. Accordingly, your Petitioner is filing this present Petition to Withdraw this

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application from issuance so that a Request for Continued Examination may be considered and both an Information Disclosure Statement and a Petition to Correct Inventorship may be entered.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), and a Petition to Correct Inventorship are attached hereto. In addition, a Power of Attorney to the undersigned is attached.

Your Petitioner respectfully requests that this Petition be granted so that the RCE may be go forward, the inventorship may be corrected, and the IDS may be considered and made of record. A check for \$130 is enclosed to cover the Petition fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

Dated: July 3, 2003

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